

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

*Please amend the abstract as follows:*

[0056] ~~The present invention discloses surgical instruments and a method for creating anatomic working space in a minilaparotomy procedure. More particularly, a~~ A method for creating an anatomic working space in a body for a minilaparotomy procedure includes forming a minilaparotomy opening in the body, forming a trocar opening in the body, inserting a trocar into the trocar opening, introducing a telescope through the trocar to observe a first tissue to be surgically treated, inserting at least one first piercing retractor into the body through the opening, wherein the piercing retractor has first and second end portions, puncturing a wall of the body by the first end portion of the first piercing retractor, and lifting the wall of the body and moving around by using the first piercing retractor until a desirable anatomic working space is created in the body. It is emphasized that this abstract is provided to comply with the rules requiring an abstract that will allow a searcher or other reader to quickly ascertain the subject matter of the technical disclosure. It is submitted with the understanding that it will not be used to interpret or limit the scope or meaning of the claims.